



THRU THE VALLEY

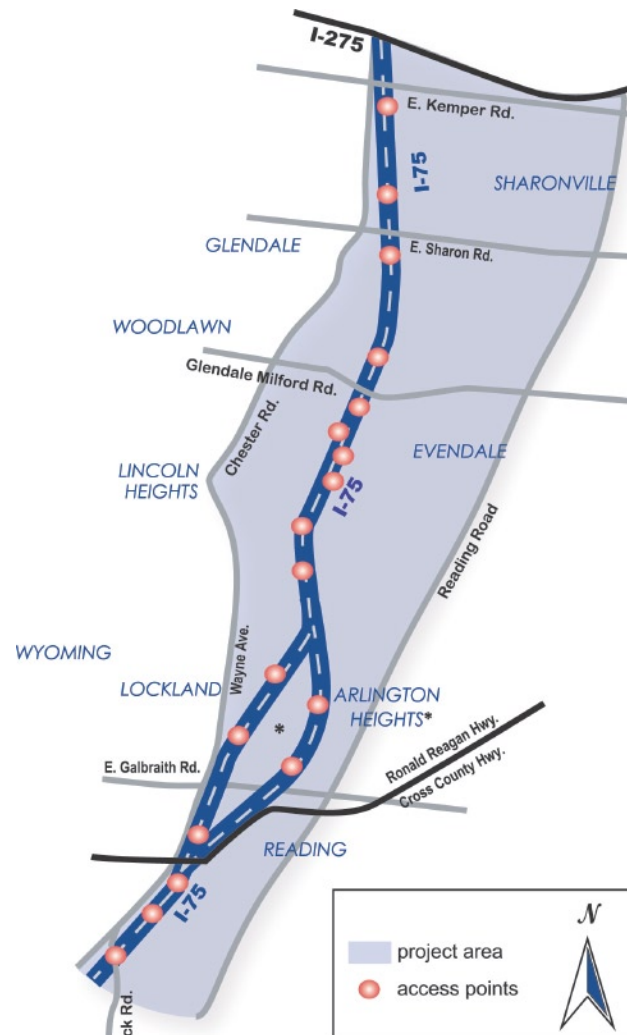
Fact Sheet 1 - Fall 2004

What is the Thru the Valley project?

The *Thru the Valley* project involves the widening and reconstruction of I-75 from I-275 (on the north) to Paddock Road (on the south).

PROJECT GOALS

- Improve traffic flow and congestion on I-75
- Improve safety on I-75
- Enhance the regional transportation network
- Develop solutions compatible with local communities



How did this project begin?

Thru the Valley originated from the North South Transportation Initiative (NSTI). The NSTI, which wrapped up in October 2003, included a massive transportation study of 85 miles of the I-75 corridor, from the Ohio River to the City of Piqua in Miami County.

The result of the NSTI was a preferred program of improvement projects. *Thru the Valley* was determined to be one of the most critical projects on the list. As a result, this project was slated as a top priority. Work began on this project in May 2004.

Who is sponsoring this project?

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) through their District 8 office is the project sponsor. The project team consists of ODOT Central Office, ODOT District 8 and the consultant team.

How do I provide input or find out information?

- > Visit the project Web site www.thruthevalley.com
- > Attend public meetings (*first one tentatively scheduled for March 2005*)
- > Visit the mobile display in your community
- > Look for information about this project in your local media

Is there funding for this project?

Yes. In May 2004, \$135 million was secured through federal, state and local funds.

Questions or Comments?

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Estimated Project Schedule

Public Involvement takes place throughout the entire project

Project Ranked High from the NSTI

Fall/Winter 2003

Funding Identified and Programmed Through TRAC

Spring 2004

ODOT Assembles Consultant Team and Implementation Committee

Spring 2004

Technical Studies Conducted

Spring/Summer 2004

Identify Various Alternatives

Fall 2004 - Winter 2005/2006

Detailed Final Design

Winter 2006 - Fall 2008

Right-of-Way Acquisition Process

Winter 2008 - Winter 2009

Construction Phase

Spring 2010 - Fall 2013